

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently amended): A method for reducing shedding of *E. coli* O157:H7 in an animal which comprises administering by parenteral injection to the animal an effective amount of a vaccine composition containing *E. coli* O157:H7, wherein the vaccine composition comprises inactivated or killed whole *E. coli* O157:H7, a ~~metabolizable oil~~ an adjuvant comprising SP oil and aluminum hydroxide, and optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 23 (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 22 which further comprises administering an effective amount of *Lactobacillus acidophilus* or neomycin medicated feed supplement to the animal.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The method according to Claim 22 wherein said method produces minimal injection site reaction.